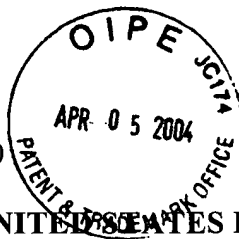


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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277  
Joseph CHAPPELL, et al. : Confirmation Number: 4809  
Serial No.: 10/633,590 : Group Art Unit: 1638  
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

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Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Notice to File Missing Part of Application dated November 6, 2003, now due to expire January 6, 2004, be extended for three months and set to expire on April 6, 2004.

Please charge the extension fee of \$475.00 to Deposit Account No. 500417. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 500417.

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